



We will plan to sing for the July 23 worship service. I will schedule a short practice earlier in that week.

We are not rehearsing during the month of July, but we will continue to lead worship for the 11:00 AM service each Sunday morning. Please try to be in the choir room at 10:40 AM each Sunday so that we may have sufficient time to prepare for the service. Enjoy your break!



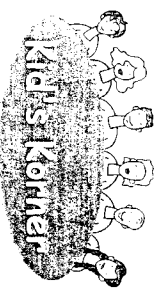
Children's choirs will be taking a break from rehearsals for the summer months. We will resume again on Wednesday, August 2.



Handbell rehearsals are on hold for a while because they are being tuned and repaired. Watch the bulletin and your text messages for upcoming practice dates.



Youth band did a super job on Sunday for the talent show! Thanks for your hard work. We will practice again soon to play for upcoming Kids Own Worship services in August. Watch the bulletin and your text messages for practice dates.



Promotion Sunday... it is going to be a great day at Central!

With much love,
Miss Suzanne

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Our Prayer Concerns . . .
 For immediate prayer needs contact our Prayer Chain at 423-3769 (Judy Hunter-Hill).
July Prayer Team: Betsy Abell, Virginia Snowden, Linda Branley.

Calendar

9:00 AM	Early Morning Worship
9:15 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM	Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM	Morning Worship
5:00 PM	Methodist Youth Fellowship (at Foster's)
Monday	
10:00 AM	Senior Women's Yoga
2:00 PM	Church Staff Meeting
Wednesday	
5:00 PM	Youth Movie Night (Fellowship Hall)
Thursday	
10:00 AM	Senior Women's Yoga
Saturday	
TBA	Youth attend District Swim Meet (Tifton)
Sunday, July 16, 2017	
9:00 AM	Early Morning Worship
9:15 AM	Fellowship Breakfast
9:45 AM	Sunday School For All Ages
11:00 AM	Morning Worship
5:00 PM	Mission Trip Information Meeting
6:00 PM	Methodist Youth Fellowship
Monday	
10:00 AM	Senior Women's Yoga
Wednesday	
6:00 PM	Senior High Youth Fellowship
Thursday	
10:00 AM	Senior Women's Yoga

Helpers for July

USHERS: Robert Griffin, Becky Griffin, Terry Bishop, Pam Bishop, Clint Talton, Stacy Bell, Bob Bryant.
WORSHIP TECHNICIANS: David Evans, Dwain Smith, Tony Moncus, Jim Owens, Parker Wiley

Worship Notes for Sunday, July 9, 2017

Rev. B.J. Funk (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: 1 John 2:1-3

Sermon: "Jesus, Our Defender"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Celebration Choir and Congregation

Offertory: Tim Anderson, Sherry Massee, Mark Massee, Karla Foster

Postlude: Brian Morris

AV Assistants: Raines Evans, Angelica Hennessey, Dakota Elrod

Sunday School Greeters: Anna Brown

Tellers: Jimmy Johnson, Lisa Smith, Mande Bishop

Worship Notes for Sunday, July 16, 2017

Dr. Rich Wright (9:00 AM & 11:00 AM)

Scripture: John 11

Sermon: "Free Follis on God's Goodness"

Prelude: Becky Anderson

Call to Worship: Youth

Offertory: Becky Anderson

Postlude: Becky Anderson

AV Assistants: Ward Burke, Colby Bell, Justin Thompson

Sunday School Greeter: Don Woolfjen

Tellers: Andy Johnson, Dianne Engelmann, Barbara Cagle



"We do not need more national development, we need more spiritual development. We do not need more intellectual power, we need more spiritual power. We do not need more knowledge, we need more character. We do not need more law, we need more religion. We do not need more of the things that are seen, we need more of the things that are unseen."

Sounds like something Billy Graham or David Jeremiah would have preached, but they didn't. This statement was spoken by President Calvin Coolidge. He saw that our nation is great because of the spiritual blessings that God has poured out on us. He saw that there was still a need for God in the USA.

The times have changed, but this need has not. We still need spiritual development, spiritual power, character, and religion. We tend to rely on our own strength and merits instead of praising God for the blessings.

As we worship in God's holy house, my prayer is that you seek the unseen divine things that God has granted to you. You just might be surprised at how many things God has given to you! Praise be to God!

Your Servant in Christ,

Pastor Rick

Hi Youth,

I hope you enjoyed some quality time with your families last week! Please let me know if you have not received your July calendar in the mail.

Sunday, July 9, we will meet at the home of Mike and Karla Foster at 5:00 PM for dinner and water games! Your parents can pick you up at 6:30 PM.

Wednesday, July 12, we will meet at CUMC at 5:00 PM to watch a movie in the social hall. Come in comfortable clothes (you can wear PJs if you want) and bring a pillow, blanket, bean bag chair... whatever you want! Pick-up time is 7:00 PM.

On Saturday, July 15, we will meet at the church to go support our Fitzgerald Fins in Tilton! I will send you a Remind update when I know the exact time.

Sunday, July 16, Senior High members interested in going to Costa Rica over spring break for a mission trip are invited to meet at 5:00 PM in the social hall for a general interest meeting. This trip is open to anyone in the church that's of high school age or older. Be praying about this opportunity, and I hope to see you there!

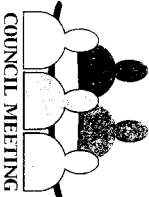
After the Costa Rica meeting on July 16, we will visit some of our home-bound church members. We will go to dinner after, and pick-up time is 8:00 PM.

Wednesday, July 19, senior high only are invited to meet at the home of Chris and Melissa Massey for a scavenger hunt and dinner. Parents, please mark Sunday, August 6, in your calendars. We will have our fall parent meeting at 4:00 PM.

Parents, your help is needed. In accordance with our Safe Sanctuaries policy, I need to have at least one other adult with me at all youth events. Please check the youth events calendar and call me to sign up for days you would like to help (425-4451). Thanks, everyone!

Love,

Mary Claire



Administrative Council Meeting
 Sunday, July 23
 5:00 PM

All Council members and others interested are encouraged to attend.

Congratulations to Lisa & Mike Smith on the birth of their new grandson! Jay and Brittany Smith announced the birth of their son, William Henry Smith, on June 22. The infant's proud great-grandmother is Anne Smith. Congratulations to you all upon this wonderful addition to your family!



Volunteers are needed to help with our youth ministry. Before you panic or say "No way!" please continue reading. Our Safe Sanctuary policy requires that more than one adult be present for all youth and children's events. We are in search of volunteers who will be available to attend some youth events. No teaching (unless you want to) and no extra work. We just need your presence. If you would like to volunteer to help our youth by filling this need, please contact Mary Claire Giddens at 425-4451.



We are planning a mission trip to Costa Rica in the Spring of 2018. Youth and adults are welcome. There will be an interest meeting on July 16 at 5:00 PM. Anyone interested in participating in the trip or if you would like more information, please plan to be with us as we plan to serve God together in Costa Rica.



• Administrative Council meeting will be July 23 at 5:00 PM in the chapel.
 • We will have senior adult ladies YOGA on every Monday and Thursday through July.
Upcoming events in our adult ministries department to write on your calendars:



Adult Ministries

- Golden Agers Lunch will start back on August 10 featuring Steve O'Neal. We'll begin promptly at 12:00 Noon. Bring a dish that goes with chicken and bring a friend!
- Bible study entitled, "Help, I'm Lost" by Pastor Wright in the fellowship hall, August 16 at 11:00 AM. Call me to sign up for this class. Pastor Wright will also be teaching a study at WNS every week. Now we have two options for Bible study.
- Senior adults will go to Cracker Barrel on August 24. Watch bulletin for more details.
- Upcoming art class for all adult ages in September. Finger foods and supplies will be provided.

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